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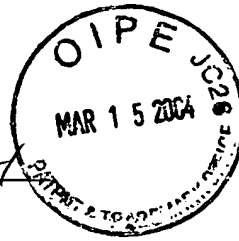
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In re application of:

Manabu Kitamura et al.

Application No.: 09/697,088

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For: A COMPUTER SYSTEM AND
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COMPUTERS

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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